



**Santa Clara
First Baptist**

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**Our Mission:
Why are we here?**

The purpose of Santa Clara First Baptist Church is to evangelize and disciple the people of the Santa Clara Valley.
Matthew 28:19, 20

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 7th Andrew Wong
- 10th Andrea Robichaud Murray
- 11th Cassidi Carroll
- 13th Allison Fung
- 13th Richard Reaves
- 15th Helen Hawkins
- 17th Gladys McFarland
- 17th Rhonda Starnes
- 18th Luran Bethell-Netherlands
- 20th Bill Ash
- 21st Al Carlson
- 21st Kelli Hawkins
- 21st Nikki Hawkins
- 28th Mylinda Baits - Costa Rica Missionary
- 28th SSGT AJ Pasciuti (Marine Corps)

Anniversaries

- 8th Jess & Denise Stephens
- 26th Adam & Shari Burdick

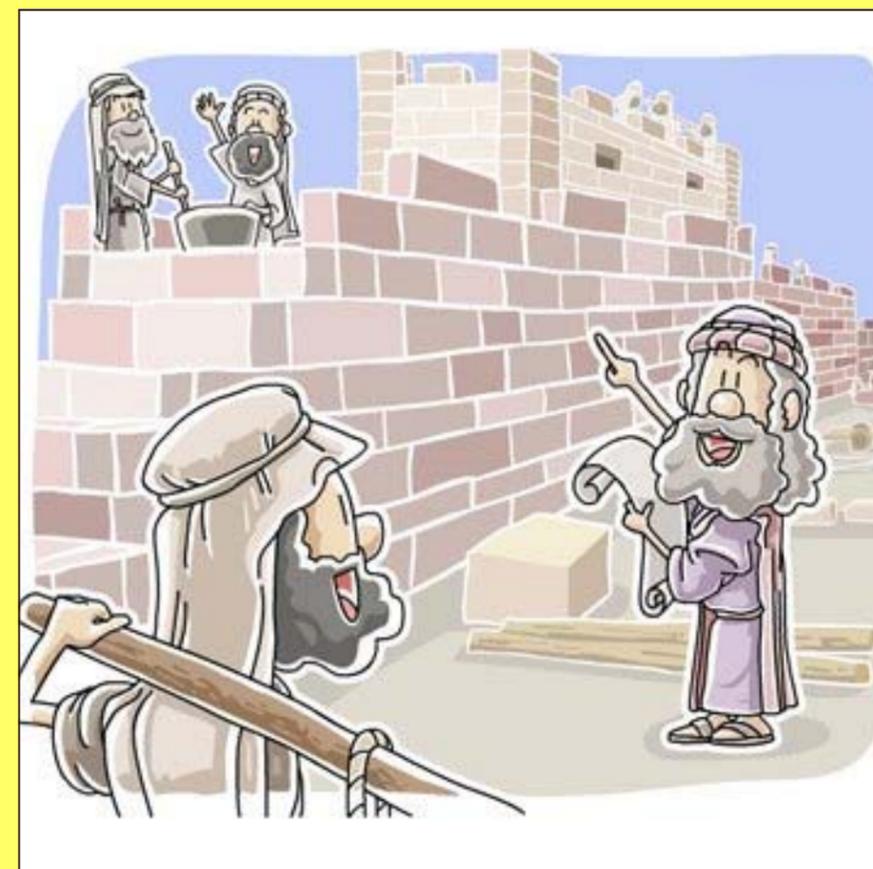
The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

September 2010

SPEEDway Children's Ministry presents....

O Me, O My, O Nehemiah!



Sunday, September 5th at 10:30am

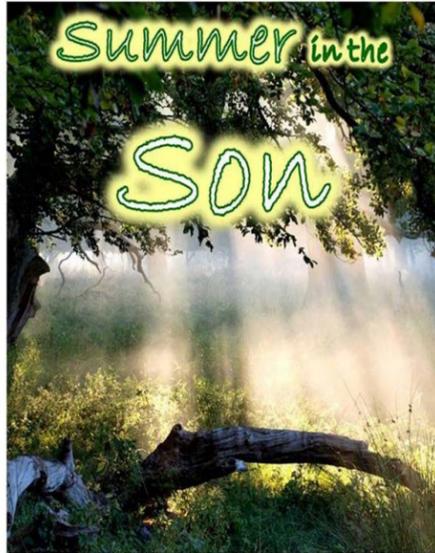
Come enjoy the children as they retell the story of Nehemiah through music, drama and dance.

Summer in the Son

As we come to the close of this summer we've had a lot of time to ask ourselves the questions,

"Lord, what would you have me do?"

"Lord, what would you have us do?"



Lord, what would you have us do?

Now is the time to get some feedback from you, the congregation. What has God been telling you? What inner promptings have you received concerning your personal future and the future of our church?

There are a number of ways you can share your feedback.

You can use the new discussion thread on our church's Facebook site. Just follow the link: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=114609647797> to bring up the web page.

You can use the insert that will be in our worship bulletin for the next few weeks.

You can use the back of a Registration Card and place it in the offering plate during worship.

You can give me a call at the church office (241-7635).

You can talk to me personally after one of our worship services.

You get the idea. The point is that we believe God has been speaking to the church family of SCFBC and we need to hear His voice. Some have already shared some insightful and challenging messages. We are the better for hearing them. What is He saying to you?

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Prayer Requests for...

- **Jim Lovelace** for continuing recovery from back surgery and that his leg strength improves.
- Those currently having chemotherapy: **Dottie Haas, Jean Rund** and **Tina Mulford's** niece, **Carolyn**.
- **Candy Martinez** for regulation of her medications.
- **Harold Wright** for surgery meant to relief balance and dizziness. Pray for sustained relief and wisdom for the doctors.
- Miraculous healing of **Holly Franco**, 13-year-old granddaughter of **Helen Hawkins**. Pray also for peace for her parents.
- A smooth transition for students as they **begin their school year**.
- **New Fall ministries at SCFBC** that will be starting soon.
- **Impact for Christ** in our community through **Worship in the Park**.
- **Dick Schenz, the father of Jenny Gregg** as he recovers from heart surgery.
- **Afternoon outreach** to the Santa Clara High School student body.

Missions Moment

Glen and Rita Chapman are two of SCFBC's Special Interest Missionaries. They have been serving in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for many years training Congolese students and their spouses, preparing them for ministry in their hometown in the rural environment.

Glen teaches pastoral students at the Kikongo Pastor's Institute where he is professor of Old Testament, African religions, and Baptist distinctives.

Glen also projects evangelistic movies as well as educational videos on medical and health issues such as malaria, HIV, dysentery, etc. in the rural areas where he travels by boat. He has now envisioned a new means of transportation, using a PPC (powered parachute) flight which would take only 3 hours to reach the villages as opposed to 3 days. A PPC can carry 2 people at a time, plus luggage/cargo, so it is a good means of getting medical supplies to the interior clinics in a timely manner, which is particularly vital during vaccination campaigns when it is crucial to get the vaccines out quickly without damage caused by the high temperature.



Rita directs and teaches at the Women's School. She continues to develop and improve course materials for the pastors' wives. She teaches illiterate women to read, and also serves as an active member and counselor of the parish women's fellowship.

We recently received the following e-mail which describes a typical scenario in their routine.

*Dear Friends and Family,
After several days in Kinshasa, I'm home! After growing up in Congo when dentists were often difficult to come by, I'm continually grateful for the presence of the Belgian dentist in Kinshasa. On Monday, I had a root canal. The dentist was very gracious, allowing me to return home on Tuesday, yesterday, with the understanding that I come back to Kinshasa in a couple of weeks for the remainder of my treatment. Sitting back in Kikongo once again, life is good. We hardly dared to believe that I would be able to travel, get treatment in Kinshasa, and return back to Kikongo before Glen's trip for the church Assembly, also in Kinshasa, on Friday.*

I returned to a happy household yesterday, Glen, Timothy, and Mazu (their pet otter), in particular! We celebrated by taking a trip down to the river with Mazu in the evening, where she happily swam to her heart's content. In the evening, the first storm of the season blew up, settling the dust and filling our rain barrels. What a relief. It's been a long, dusty, dry few months. Having enough water in the house this morning to keep it clean seems like such a luxury! Our clothes still have to make the trip down to the river to be washed, but being able to mop the dusty floor will be a great thing.

Glen has spirited himself away to the other empty missionary house to work on his Assembly messages in peace. As we are usually not there, he will not have the constant interruptions at the door that we often have at our house. Thank you to all for your prayers during this past week.

*Love,
Rita*

Continue to support this dedicated couple with your prayers and your generous giving to our SCFBC mission work.

Person of Interest!



Daena Yuksel was born and raised in Santa Barbara, California as an agnostic. A tumultuous childhood led me to quit high school and earn a GED. After a few years at SJSU, I moved to Siena, Italy and then on to Lausanne, Switzerland.

In 1991, I went to the Republic of Georgia during its civil war with Russia to volunteer in orphanages and deliver medicine to hospitals. It was during that time, I found Jesus through the eyes of poverty and suffering. It was in the midst of chaos that I found my calling to "speak up for those who can't speak for themselves and defend the rights of the poor and needy." This eventually led to another volunteer opportunity in Rwanda immediately after genocide and again in 1997. I had signed a contract with Christian Reformed World Relief Committee to serve for seven years and planned to live in Rwanda indefinitely. However, a rumor spread that my life was in danger and I was forced to evacuate to nearby Uganda for 3 months.

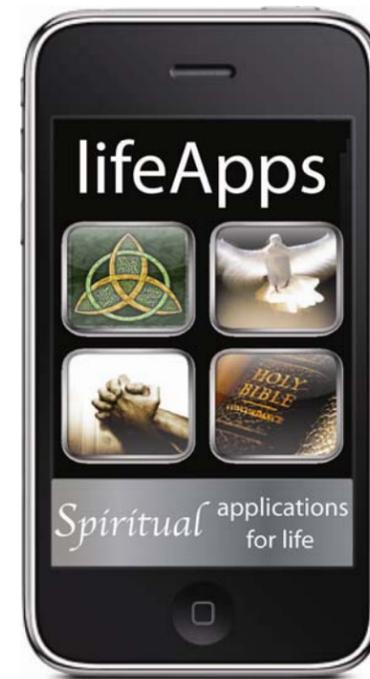
My dreams were shattered and feeling helpless to leave people I loved most, I returned to United States. Slowly and surely, I walked away from Jesus Christ.

With a one year old daughter and pregnant with my son, I fell into depression and begun to seek a church for my children. My first impression of SCFBC was a wonderful nursery worker and great music. With the help of a nurturing small group led by Susi Reaves, my faith in Jesus slowly returned. I now enjoy leading the sparks group at AWANA, leading a Moms Bible Study on Sunday morning and being involved in the music.

With a BA in music performance and a minor in psychology. I have always been drawn to the ides of music as a form of healing. This led to volunteering at Stanford Hospital and presently at Kaiser Hospital as a music therapist. I also teach piano, own a fair trade business and am in school to become a Registered Nurse. My future goal is to return to Africa as a Missionary Nurse and start health clinics in remote villages.

My passion to serve Jesus through helping the most vulnerable is renewed each morning. I thank God for my Savior Jesus Christ whom I love more than anything. I have come to realize that it is not about "me" who is giving and serving. Rather, it is about the love of God showing me the best way to love and defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Daena has supplied the fair trade coffee for our after worship fellowship times for the past two years, so when you see her thank her for the faithfulness and generosity. We are so blessed to have Daena as part of our SCFBC Family!



lifeApps: *Spiritual* applications for life

New **lifeApps** classes begin Sunday, September 12 at 9:00AM.

This first session will run September 12—October 10.

“Keeping Your Child Safe”

taught by Pastor Jenny in the Parlor

Focusing on the learning to recognize signs of and prevention of sexual abuse as well as internet safety, this class is for parents, caregivers, those who work with kids, and for all others who have an interest in keeping children safe.

“Back to Basics”

taught by Pastor Rich in Room 19/20

This class is for those who wish to explore:

- How to develop a personal relationship with Christ
- Celebrating baptism and communion at SCFBC
- The mission, vision, and values of Santa Clara First Baptist
- The 5 key strategies our church uses to achieve God's purpose
- Why every Christian should be a member of a local church

Get Connected - *Life Group Ministries*

Life Groups are vitally important to spiritual growth. Therefore, we encourage every single person to get plugged into a group. We have several Life Groups at SCFBC, and hope that you will take a moment to prayerfully consider checking out which group is right for you. If you're not yet a part of a group, now is the time to get involved as all our group will be starting a new series in September as part of our Fall Emphasis.

All Life Groups will be starting a new series the week of September 12th. This means there's no better time than NOW to start taking those next steps of getting plugged into a group.

Take a moment to read over the group listing below. When you find a group you think might be right for you, contact the group leader for more information. If you need more help choosing a group, contact Pastor Jenny for more specific guidance.

Sunday 9:00am – Mothers' Life Group led by Daena Yuksel, (408) 774-9412

Monday

- 10:30am – Seniors' Life Group led by Pastor Rich, (408) 241-7635
- 7:00pm – Lindsey Life Group led by Tracey Lindsey, (408) 396-0069

Tuesday

- 7:00pm – IMPACT led by Jerry and Sharon Cintas, (408) 615-1690
- 7:00pm – X-Factor led by Jonathan Fung, (408) 813-2505
- 7:00pm – Homebuilders Life Group led by Rebecca Ebel, (408) 624-1078

Wednesday

- 7:30pm – Chicks' Life Group led by Chuck Chicks, (408) 739-2935
- 7:00pm – Depew Life Group led by Mike and Dorothy Depew, (408) 691-1441

Friday

- 6:30pm – Family Life Group led by Pastor Jenny, (408) 248-2078

Saturday (4th Saturday of the Month)

- 8:30am – Brothers in Christ led by Adam Burdick, (408) 230-6848

Property Corner

Volunteers:

The Property department would like to thank everyone who gives of their time and talents that often go unnoticed. All that you do is very much appreciated for helping to keep our expenses to a minimum. Thank You Very Much!

Renovation Report: For more information please read the article from Jerry Cintas.

General: Please contact myself or Dave Wilson should you see something in need of repair!

Next Church Work Day: We will have our next church work day on Saturday, September 25, 2010. Everyone is invited to help clean and repair our church property. Starting at 10am the workday will continue for approximately 2 – 3 hours, so please plan on stopping by to lend a helping hand. Lunch will be served.

Sprinkler Repair: Last month the property department repaired five broken sprinklers.

Kitchen: I would like to thank Lloyd Darknell and Jerry Cintas for improving the lighting in the kitchen storage areas and re-installing the door between the hot water heater room and the refrigerator. They also installed a new wireless access point for internet use in the Fellowship Hall.

Tree Removal: A has been removed in the church parking lot because of respiratory difficulties of one of our neighbors. The tree was called a “privit” and blossomed year round. This area is being discussed for future planting needs with non-flowering trees or shrubs.

Room 13: This room is being set up for the students at Santa Clara High as a room for homework, internet, etc. to help them in the coming calendar year.

Bethlehem Storage Building: I am meeting with a few concrete contractors to submit foundation bids for the new storage building. This building will help store all of our construction sets, supplies, sand, etc. Please look for more information in the next Celebrate article.

Reminder: Please make sure that when you leave a building, classroom, etc. that all the doors are locked, windows are closed, all lights and air/heat turned off. Thanks for helping keep our utility expenses to a minimum.

Your Brother In Christ,

Mike Depew – Property Deacon

Chicks' Life Group Invitation*

*Interested in a home Bible Study? You are invited to a BBQ hosted by the Chicks Life Group, Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Chicks home located at 925 Kamsack Court, Sunnyvale. Come and learn about our group - who we are and how we do an in-depth Bible Study. Call Barbara or Chuck at 739-2935 for questions or to let them know you will be there. We will begin a study of Paul's letter to the Philippians the following Wednesday - September 15th at 7:30pm at the Chicks' home. *

SCFBC Student Ministries



It has been a great Summer here at SCFBC! We have had a blast growing closer to God and serving

Do you want to grow deeper in your faith? Looking to learn more about who God is? Do you like doughnuts and bagels? If you answered yes to any of these questions then Committed is for you!

After school on Wednesdays and Thursdays we have an after school program come hang out and do homework, play games, eat food, or just hang out! Bring your friends!

Check out our website for more information on what we are up to!

Renovation Update

The modernization of the sanctuary is continuing. Adam Burdick has been working on the side entrances by putting new door holds on the large double doors that enter our Sanctuary. He is also prepping those areas for new paint and base board. Lloyd Darknell moved the light switch in the choir entry area to make it easier to get to when the door is open. Ken Rangel finished up the tile on the entry way near the choir room and it looks great.



With the children's musical and its stage needs coming in early September we've shifted our focus away from the sanctuary stage and onto all of the side projects that need completion to support the musical. Adam will be moving into the choir room to relocate the hand bell storage doors so the new wheel chair lift can be installed in the choir room. When our new acoustic panels arrive for the sanctuary we will move back into the Sanctuary and finish the back walls. This will also help to reduce the volume in the room and improve the clarity of the sound. The sound system will also get a huge boost in clarity when we are able to move away from the wall speakers and into the higher quality speakers that will hang from the ceiling. That project will most likely happen in January.

We want to thank Jon Pusateri again for his daily volunteering and assisting Adam in all the side work that needs to be done. Jon also took care of disassembling the old sound booth.

The Building Committee
Joe Lasher, Mike Depew, Lloyd Darknell, Jerry Cintas

Office Volunteers Needed

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to support the church office administration? Tasks include data entry, making copies, answering the phone, making CD copies of Sunday services, and other light clerical duties. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dave Wilson in the office at 241-7635.



Come be a part
of the difference!

August has been a wonderful and busy month for the SPEEDway Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings. In the Nursery, our littlest members have been enjoying their lessons taught by our dedicated volunteers each Sunday. Through snacks, games, music and craft the toddlers are learning about God's great love each week. While the toddlers have their lesson, the babies enjoy some cuddle time in the infant section of the Nursery. In fact, we need more "baby holders" on Sunday morning. If you have a pair of arms ready to hold and snuggle a baby during the toddlers' lesson time, then we need you! Contact our Nursery Coordinators to get more information or to get on the volunteer rotation.

Our Preschool/Pre-K children enjoyed a wonderful water party in July. They spent a Sunday morning having fun in the water, getting each other and their teachers as wet as possible. Their morning included sponges, baby pools, bubbles, watermelon and lots of giggles. The preschool class is flourishing, and growing to the point where we need more volunteers! If you can help out once a month as an assistant in the Preschool/Pre-K class, contact Michelle Ramer.

The Elementary-age children have been working hard on their summer musical each Sunday morning. "O Me, O My, O Nehemiah!" will be presented during the morning worship service on Sunday, September 5th. The children have worked hard all summer, and it's almost time for the big show! Remember to invite friends and family to come and hear the story of Nehemiah. On September 12th the Elementary-age children will begin new lesson series in Sunday School and Kids' Worship. This is a great time to get involved in children's ministry, or to just check out what's going on and see if you're a good fit. During the Sunday School hour, we need teachers and small group leaders. During the worship hour, we need volunteers to assist during Kids' Worship. And our registration team which serves on a rotational basis can always use more smiling, welcoming faces serving our kids and their parents. For more information, contact Pastor Jenny.

Children's Pastor

Pastor Jennifer Hammar (408) 248-2078, jennifer@scfbc.org

Nursery Coordinators

Rebecca Ebel (408) 624-1078, rdebel@mybox.org
Meridith Lanier (650) 279-9109, meridith@laniers.org

Preschool/Pre-K Director

Michelle Ramer (408) 243-9437, ramermichelle@yahoo.com

American Baptist Women

Ministry News:

Since we have discovered how popular games are, ABW has decided to start a 3rd Wednesday of the month game day beginning September 22, 2010 at 2 PM in the Lobby. For more information call Barbara at 739-2935.

After experimenting with an outing program last year we have decided to continue with that for another year.

This year's schedule is as follows 2010

September-- The Egyptian Museum

October--Mission Santa Clara

November--Antiques Colony

December 12 --Meridian Square Plaza Bazaar

Schedule for 2011

January--Quilt Museum

February--Ainsley House

March--Fallon House

April--Harris Lass House

May-- Rose Garden

June--Elizabeth Gamble Garden

July--History Park

August--Ardenwood Farms

Packing Ditty Bags

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for the ditty bags, which will go to Seafarer's Ministry of the Golden Gate to be given to seamen for Christmas. Now is the time to pack the bags. We will have a "Packing Party" on September 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary Lobby. Everyone is invited to come and help. There will be a potluck lunch at noon. We are hoping to pack 100 bags, so we need a lot of help! We plan to take the bags to Oakland on October 26th and help pack more bags there. You are invited to join us for that trip.

Outings

Have you ever wondered what is at the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose? We are planning an outing on September 25th to the museum. We will meet for lunch before touring the museum. There is a Planetarium program at 2pm that is included in the cost of admission. The cost is \$9 or \$7 for seniors. Look for more information in the church bulletin in September, or you can call Ellen Imhof at 730-1150 or Barbara Chicks at 739-2935.

ABW Ministries S.H.A.R.E.S. Report

Thank you all for using your S.H.A.R.E. cards. Through the use of these cards, in August we were able to send a check for \$161.49 to InnVision, an organization that serves the homeless of the Santa Clara Valley. Please continue to use your S.H.A.R.E. cards as this next quarter the money will go to the Bethlehem storage facility.

Rummage Sale

Friday, October 22, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 23, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The fall Rummage Sale that benefits our church's annual Bethlehem community outreach and the American Baptist Women's Missions Projects is scheduled for October 22 and 23 in the Fellowship Hall. Please start saving clean, usable items to benefit these special ministries (no clothing please, good, clean shoes are okay). Because there is no storage space available, donations cannot be brought to the Fellowship Hall until Sunday, October 17, before or after the Worship Service. You may also bring items during our set-up days on the Wednesday or Thursday before the sale from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Many volunteers will be needed.

Please contact Maxine at 241-7567 if you have questions or can help with this special fund raising event.



AWANA starts September 12th
Sundays, 4:00-5:30pm

It's time for AWANA! The AWANA leaders are ready and excited to kick off this new ministry year. AWANA is dedicated to firmly planting the Word of God into the hearts and minds of children. AWANA is a wonderful opportunity for children to grow in their relationship with Jesus, and to take ownership of their faith. Children who are active in AWANA will carry the truths of Scripture in their hearts for the rest of their lives, giving them the tools they will need to stand firm in their faith through the teen years and into adulthood. Plus, AWANA is fun! High-energy games, good friends, and yummy snacks are a part of every AWANA meeting. Registration forms for AWANA are available at the SPEEDway Registration table, or on the AWANA page of the church website.



CUBBIES—Ages 3-5

The Cubbies class is led by Pat Graham, and meets in Room 4/5. Cubbies enjoy lessons that are interactive and fun. They are nurtured in their faith with lots of love.



SPARKS—Grades K-2

The Sparks class is led by Meredith Lanier and meets in the Fellowship Hall. Sparks enjoy special game time with Commander Jon as well as energetic lessons created just for them.



TRUTH 'N TRAINING—Grades 3-5

The TnT Class is led by Pastor Jenny and meets in the Fellowship Hall. They enjoy challenging lessons, crazy games, and awesome friends.